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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A monoclonal antibody is provided which is directed against the human interferon type I receptor (IFN-R), which recognizes the extracellular domain of the human IFN-R and which has neutralizing capacity against the biological properties of human type I-IFN. Diagnostic and therapeutic applications for the monoclonal antibody also are provided.